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Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Draft decision submitted by the Vice-Chairman

Questions deferred for future consideration

The General Assembly decides to defer until the sixtieth session consideration of the following agenda item and related documents:

Item 108
Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

(a) Second annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the capital master plan (A/59/441 and Add. 1 and 2);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on plans for three additional conference rooms and viable solutions for allowing natural light into the rooms (A/58/556);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on viable options for ensuring sufficient parking space at United Nations Headquarters (A/58/712);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of possible funding arrangements for the capital master plan (A/58/729);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on cooperation with the City and State of New York related to the capital master plan (A/58/779);

(f) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of Auditors on the capital master plan for the biennium ended 31 December 2003 (A/59/161);

(g) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the capital master plan for the period from August 2003 to July 2004 (A/59/420);

(h) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the capital master plan (A/59/556);

(i) Oral report of the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (see A/C.5/59/SR.54).

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Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

Draft decision submitted by the Vice-Chairman following informal consultations

A strengthened and revitalized General Assembly

The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] decides to inform the General Assembly that should it adopt draft resolution A/59/L.69/Rev.1, additional resources of up to $116,300 would be required under section 1, Overall policy-making, direction and coordination, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005. As noted in paragraph 11 of the statement by the Secretary-General, every effort would be made to accommodate these requirements within the appropriation for the biennium; and the actual costs, if any, would be reported in the context of the second performance report for the biennium 2004-2005. Having considered the detailed recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the Fifth Committee also decides to inform the General Assembly that the adoption of the draft resolution would also give rise to additional resource requirements of up to $823,300 under section 1, Overall policy-making, direction and coordination (for the Office of the President of the General Assembly) and up to $60,300 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007. These additional requirements would be considered by the General Assembly in the context of its review of the proposed programme budget for 2006-2007.

[1] A/C.5/59/35/Rev.1.
[2] A/59/910.

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